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1. SUMMARY: NTM GROUP, FOLLOWING AGREEMENT IN GROUP AGRICULTURE, AGREED TO REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN LINE WITH US PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN LENGTHY 7 PLUS 7 MEETING PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF NTM PARENT GROUP MEETING JULY 28, AGREEMENT REACHED ON REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES SIMILAR TO THOSE ADOPTED BY GROUP AGRICULTURE PREVIOUS DAY. TEXT OF PROCEDURES CONTAINED REFTEL.

3. WHILE CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON REQUEST/OFFER PROCE-

DURES, CERTAIN DELS REGISTERED RESERVATIONS. AUSTRALIAN DEL (AMB. FOGARTY) INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIA HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS THAT COMPREHENSIVE OFFERS CAN BE EXPECTED BY JANUARY 15. HE INDICATED THAT WHILE AUSTRALIA ACCEPTS JANUARY 15 AS A TARGET DATE, HE IS CONCERNED THAT COUNTRIES WILL NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ADEQUATELY ASSESS THE BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS OFFERED. CANADIAN DEL (GORE) EXPRESSED CANADIAN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROCEDURES APPLIED TO EXPORT ITEMS, SUCH AS EXPORT TAXES AND RESTRICTIONS, AND INDICATED THAT CANADA WILL RECEIVE SUCH NOTIFICATIONS IN ANY CONTEXT. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT CANADA WILL CONSIDER AND DEAL WITH SUCH ITEMS ONLY IN SECTOR RELATED CONTEXT AND NOT AS A GENERAL ISSUE. ANY OFFERS BY CANADA ON SUCH ITEMS WILL BE SUBMITTED ONLY IN GROUP SECTORS. JAPANESE DEL (TERADA) EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PARAGRAPH 7(C) OF PROCEDURES WAS UNBALANCED BY MENTIONING ONLY MEASURES OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DCS. ACCORDINGLY, HE EXPRESSED JAPANESE RESERVATION TO MAINTAIN ITS OPTION TO MAKE REQUESTS ON ANY ITEMS OF TRADE INTEREST (I.E. EXPORT MEASURES). ARGENTINE DEL (RAIMONDI) IN RESPONSE TO JAPANESE STATEMENT, INDICATED THAT HIS COUNTRY FORMALLY RESERVED THE RIGHT TO REJECT SUCH REQUESTS.

4. ANTIDUMPING - DISCUSSION ON ANTIDUMPING WAS VERY LOW KEY. INDIAN DEL MADE SHORT STATEMENT INDICATING THAT US PROPOSAL HAD OVERTAKEN ANTIDUMPING DISCUSSIONS, BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUESTED THAT ITEM REMAIN ON AGENDA FOR NEXT PARENT GROUP MEETING. MEXICAN DEL (DELGADO) GAVE A STATEMENT CITING ALLEGED PROBLEMS IN ANTIDUMPING CASES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ISSUES RAISED WERE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE MENTIONED BY EGYPTIAN DEL AT FIRST SESSION OF MEETING LAST WEEK. MEXICAN DEL MAINTAINED POSITION THAT REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUBGROUP SHOULD BE ADOPTED BUT NOTED THAT IN SPITE OF RECENT EVENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE ITEM SHOULD STILL REMAIN ON THE PARENT GROUP AGENDA. FYI: IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION, MEXICAN DEL INDICATED THAT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WAS AMENABLE TO NOT PRESSING HARD FOR NEGOTIATION OF ANTIDUMPING IN THE MTN AND WOULD NOT BE UNRECEIPTIVE TO SERIOUS DISCUSSION ON S&D IN ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE, IF LDCS WERE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY. END FYI. BRAZILIAN DEL (BARTEL ROSA) SPOKE FOR FIRST TIME ON THIS ISSUE AND REGISTERED BRAZIL'S SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUBGROUP ON ANTIDUMPING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ITEM ON THE PARENT GROUP AGENDA. NORDICS ALSO SUPPORTED MAINTENANCE OF THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA. US DEL (NEWKIRK) MADE SHORT INTERVENTION INDICATING THAT WHILE US WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ANTIDUMPING, TO DATE WE HAD HEARD
NO UNIQUE LDC PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA.

7. THE DATES OF THE NEXT PARENT GROUP MEETING AND SUB-
GROUP MEETINGS WERE LEFT OPEN FOR CHAIRMAN TO SET IN
CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS. CULBERT

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